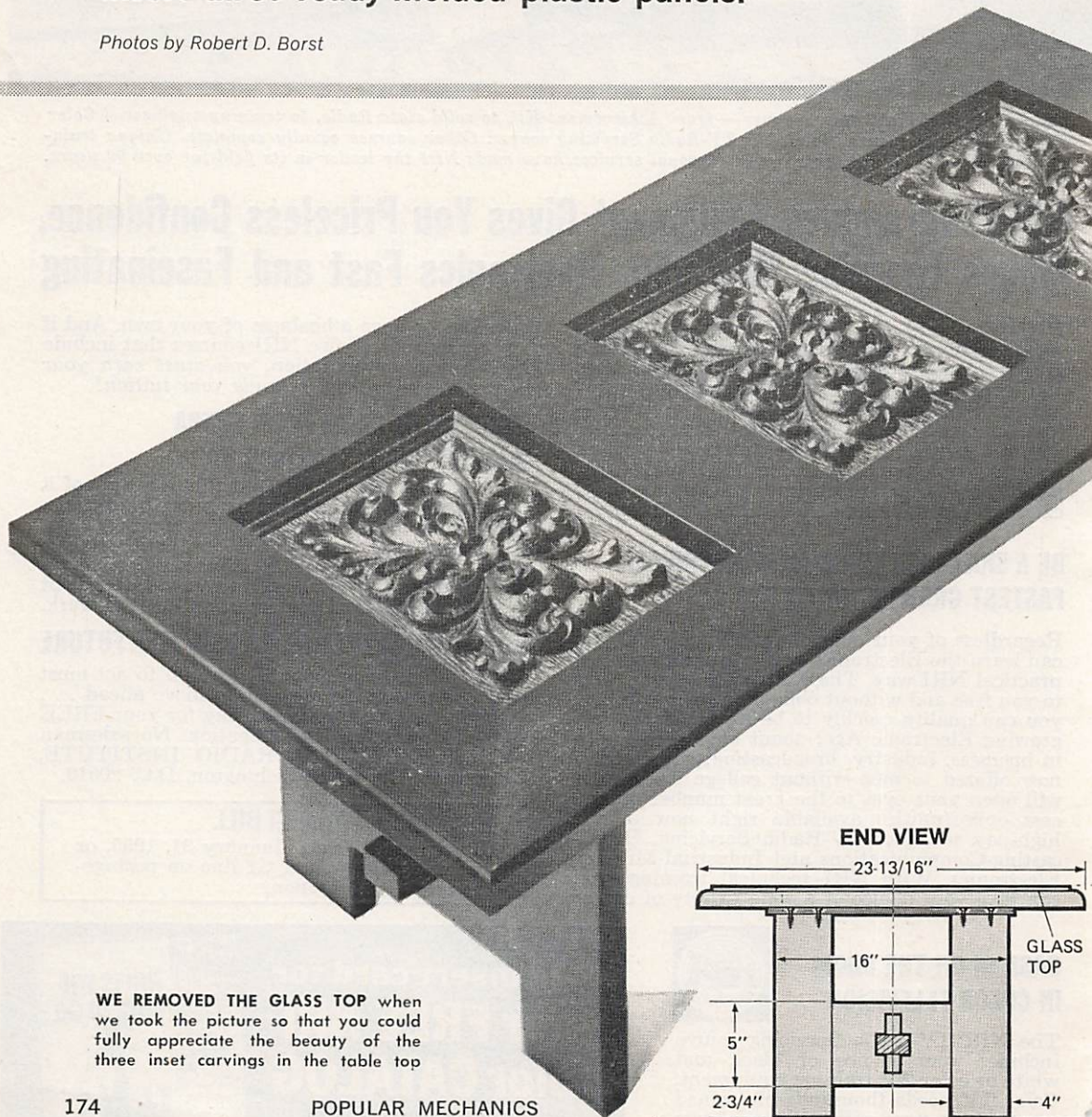


Anyone Can Build This Coffee Table For \$35

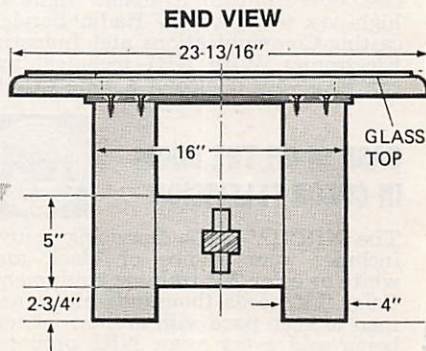
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You can 'carve' its handsome top in the time it takes to insert three ready-molded plastic panels.

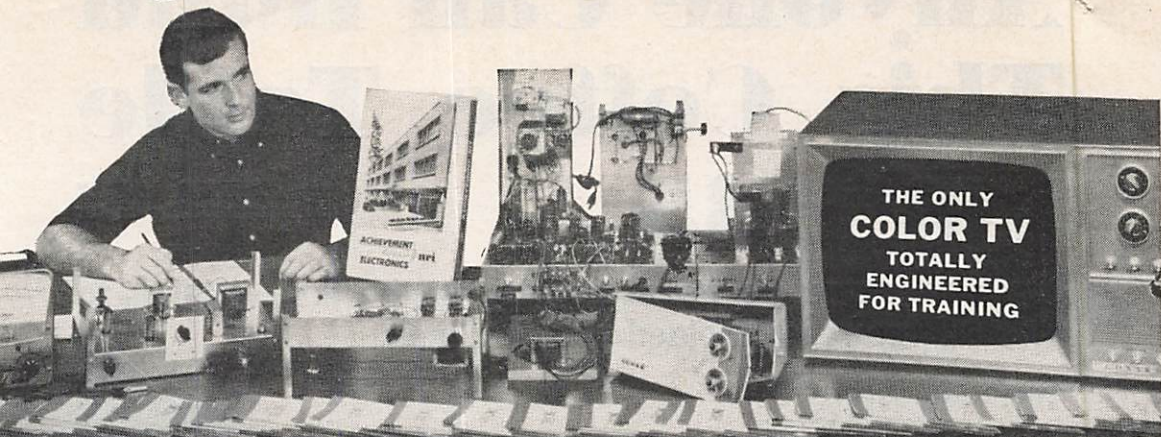
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WE REMOVED THE GLASS TOP when we took the picture so that you could fully appreciate the beauty of the three inset carvings in the table top



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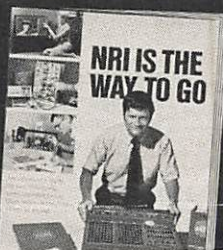
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YOU NEEDN'T BE AN EXPERT woodcarver to build this elegant-looking coffee table. The three sunken panels under its glass-covered top are inserts that sell for \$1.75 each.

We built the table you see here from 5/4 pine, sprayed it black and placed plate glass on the top for a total of \$34.94. You couldn't buy it in a store for less than \$100.

The three "carved" inserts used in the top are molded reproductions of an old-world, hand-carved Spanish door—one of many similar overlays produced by Decorative Components, Inc., of Forest City, N.C. You can buy them finished or unfinished. Since we planned to paint the table

black, we ordered unfinished panels. A set of three costs \$5.25 postpaid, ordered from United Southern Associates, Box 5521, High Point, N.C. 26262. Ask for part KD-50070.

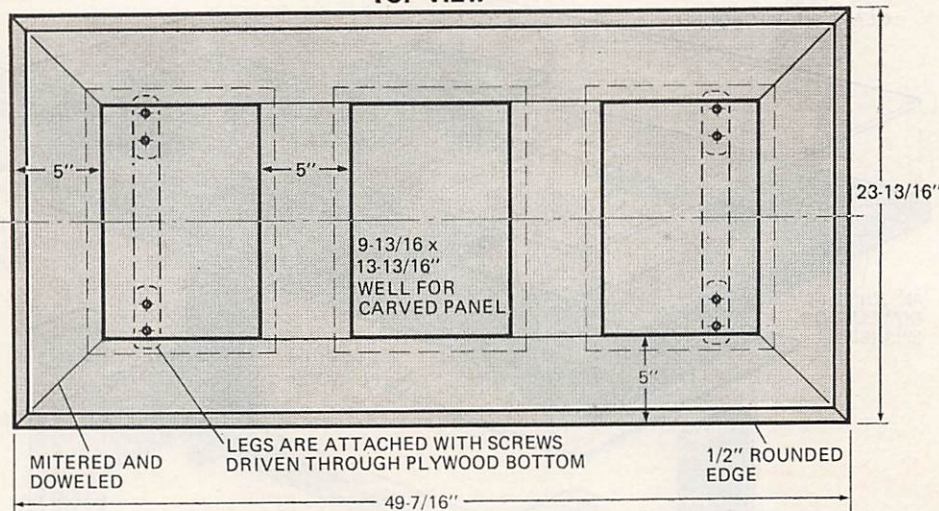
The Spanish panels also come in beautiful wood-grain finishes so faithfully reproduced it's difficult to tell them from real wood. As inserts and overlays, they can be used dozens of ways to decorate the fronts of cabinet doors, plain flush doors, furniture and the like. If you want completely finished panels in a certain wood graining they are \$2.25 each. Check with the maker first.

Five-quarter pine is actually 1 1/8 in. thick and any lumberyard has it. A length

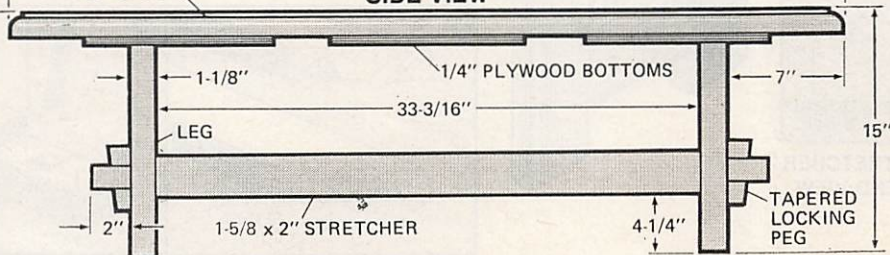
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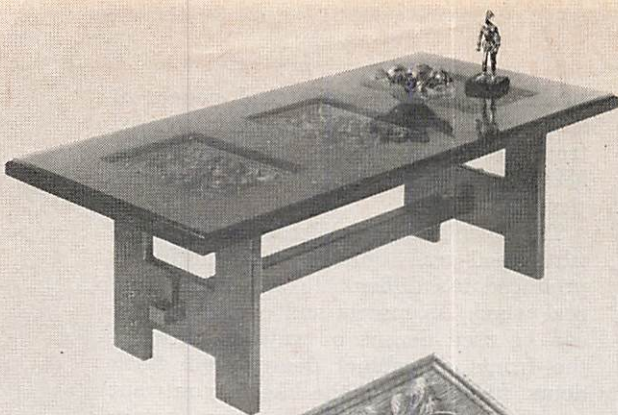
| Amt. | Size and Description (Use) |
|--------|---|
| 4 pcs. | 1 1/8 x 4 x 13 3/8" pine (legs) |
| 2 pcs. | 1 1/8 x 5 x 8" pine (leg cross members) |
| 2 pcs. | 1 1/8 x 5 x 49-7/16" pine (top side members) |
| 2 pcs. | 1 1/8 x 5 x 23-13/16" pine (top end members) |
| 2 pcs. | 1 1/8 x 5 x 13-13/16" pine (top cross members) |
| 1 pc. | 1 5/8 x 2 x 39-1/16" pine (stretcher) |
| 3 pcs. | 1/4 x 11-13/16 x 15-13/16" plywood (well bottoms) |
| 1 pc. | 1/4 x 23 x 48 3/4" plate glass (top) |
| 3 | Spanish carved panels No. KD-50070 (inserts—see text) |

TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW





"CARVED" PANEL

of 2x3 is used for the leg stretcher; 1/4-in. plywood panels to cover the bottoms of the insert wells.

The cross member of the H-shaped legs is doweled and a square hole made in the center for the shouldered stretcher. To do this, bore a 1-in. hole and shape it with a square file until the slot measures 1 5/8 x 1 in.

The two cross members of the top, that form wells for the inserts are doweled to the side members, as are the mitered corners. The plywood overlaps each well on the bottom. The top is attached to the leg assembly with screws driven down through the plywood and into the tops of the legs. Round all edges as indicated and sand all exposed surfaces smoothly before painting. You can add small felt discs to the top for the glass to rest on. We spent \$16 for the plate glass. Its edges should be ground. ★★★

TABLE ASSEMBLY

